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Independent Office,
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My Dear Garrison,

Yours of yesterday is just received, affording fresh and very gratifying evidence of your convalescence. I wrote you last evening a letter that is already mailed, though it may reach you only at the same time with this.

Are you not mistaken in supposing that one of your articles is not paid for? The last for which I paid you was "Nothing to

the Chinese", printed Aug. 18th. The one next before that was ~~printed~~ "What ~~it~~ is it to be a Christian?" printed July 14; and for that our books show that a check was sent the same week. The letter was mailed after I left, but ~~written~~ filled out by me in advance, for the cashier. I have looked carefully over the issues between the above dates and can find nothing from your pen. If the check for "What is it to be a ~~Practical~~ Christian?" failed to reach you, or has been lost, we can send a duplicate. And if I have overlooked an article, tell me

in what number it appeared, & I will pay for it at once.

The news from France is wonderful; but I can't help the fear that the Republican government will now, as on former occasions, be upset by the mistakes of its friends and the craft of its enemies. The French people are a puzzle to me. If the Republic proves permanent, it will hasten the overthrow of Monarchy in every part of the old world. I will hope for the best. It will

be a sad fix if France and Germany cannot now make peace. On the part of the former further fighting will be sheer foolhardiness, leading to still deeper humiliation.

Yours, ever & always,

Oliver Johnson.

That "fig"! I don't wonder you squealed. It seems strange that your manuscript could have been so misread by the compositor and copy-holder, and then that I should have overlooked the blunder. But I did.

O. J.